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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: PLANT TO CONVERT FOOD WASTES TO PIG FEED

1. PROJECT NAME: PLANT TO CONVERT FOOD WASTES TO PIG FEED.
2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION: INSTITUTE FOR URBAN SANITATION FOR CARACAS METROPOLITAN AREA (IMAU) HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSTALLING A PLANT WHICH WOULD PROCESS APPROXIMATELY 220 TONS PER DAY OF FOOD WASTES FROM RESTURANTS, HOTELS, MARKETS SO THAT IT COULD BE USED FOR PIG FEED. MODULAR SYSTEM PREFERRED SO CAPACITY CAN BE INCREASED RAPIDLY. IMPETUS FOR THIS PROJECT COMES FROM CONCERN OF MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE THAT FAILURE TO PROCESS WASTE FOOD (WHICH NOW BEING USED IN PIG FEEDING) MIGHT IN SOME WAY INCREASE DANGER OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER OUTBREAK IN PIG PUPULATION, ALTHOUGH POSSIBLE HAZARD TO HUMAN HEALTH HAS ALSO BEEN CITED AS JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS URGENT PROJECT. COST OF PLANT WILL BE FINANCED BY CORPORACION VENEZOLANA DE FOMENTO (CVF).

3. EXECUTING AGENCY/PROJECT MANAGER:
ING. FELIX MIGUEL SANCHEZ
PRESIDENT
INSTITUTO METROPOLITANO DE ASEO URBANO (IMAU)
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4. STATUS OF PROJECT/ANTICIPATED BID DATES: ING. SANCHEZ INDICATED A DIRECT PURCHASE OF PLANT WAS PREFERRED BECAUSE THIS WAS THE MOST

RAPID MEANS OF PUTTING IT INTO OPERATION. HE IS ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE OFFERS, VISITS FROM U.S. FIRMS WITH EXPERTISE IN THIS AREA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. LOCAL REP OF PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION, EUGEN PAPP IS PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IMAU ON THIS PROJECT. (FYI: WE SUSPECT JUSTIFYING NEED FOR PLANT ON BASIS HEALTH HAZARD WOULD BE CITED AS REASON FOR DISPENSING WITH NORMAL

PUBLIC BIDDING PROCESS AND GOING TO DIRECT NEGOTIATION. U.S. COMPANY BIOMEAL, INC., WHICH USES PATENTED PROCESS DEVELOPED BY DRS. DOBBINS AND POWELL OF UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA IN EARLY 1970'S RECENTLY MADE PROPOSAL TO SANCHEZ FOR PLANT BUT HE DISLIKES BIOMEAL INC'S REQUIREMENT THAT THEY HAVE EQUITY PARTICIPATION IN COMPANY OPERATING PLANT AND 4 TO 6 YEAR OPERATING CONTRACT. SANCHEZ ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT ALLEGED VAGUENESS IN BIOMEAL'S GUARANTEES AS TO END PRODUCT. HE BELIEVES SETTING UP MIXED COMPANY WOULD CAUSE SUBSTANTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE DELAYS IN COMPLETING PROJECT AND WANTS TO HEAR FROM OTHER U.S

COMPANIES WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN CONTRACTING FOR DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF PLANT WITH SOME ARRANGEMENT FOR TRAINING VENEZUELAN PERSONNEL TO OPERATE IT. (END FYI).

5. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST/FOREIGN CONTENT: NA

6. COMPETITIVE FACTORS: N/A.
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